

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## ESHB 2496

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Modifying ballot design provisions.

**Sponsors:** House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by Representatives White, Orwall, Chase, Dickerson, Carlyle, Upthegrove, Springer, Nelson, Simpson, Miloscia, Dunshee and Hunt).

**House Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs**  
**Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections**

**Background:**

Clear and concise instructions must be printed at the top of each ballot directing the voter on how to mark the ballot. Questions of adopting constitutional amendments or any other state measure must appear immediately after the ballot instructions and before listing any offices.

**Summary:**

Ballots must have a clear delineation between the ballot instructions and where the voting is to begin. This delineation may be through the use of white space, illustration, shading, color, symbol, font size, or bold type. The Secretary of State must establish standards for ballot design and layout.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

House	98	0
Senate	48	0

**Effective:** June 10, 2010

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